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CC: 02-6

Dear Sir/Madam:

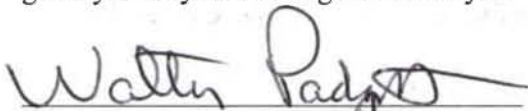
This is a WAIVER REQUEST regarding a late filing of Form 471, CC Docket No. 02-6.

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- **Appellant Name:** Schulenburg Independent School District
- **Applicant:** Kathy Barta
- **BEN:** 141796
- **Application Number:** 822445
- **Form Identifier:** 471YR2011-2012

FUNDING YEAR 2011 FORM 471 POSTMARKED OUTSIDE OF WINDOW LETTER

I am requesting a waiver of the Form 471 deadline. I've enclosed a letter sent earlier this year with my USAC filing that explained what happened at our district that caused us, *for the first time ever*, to miss the Form 470 filing deadline, which of course led to Form 471 having to be filed outside the window.

Our financial situation is as dire as most school districts in Texas and our need to incorporate educational technology into our classrooms is of paramount importance. We would sincerely appreciate any consideration and grace you may decide to give. Thank you.


Mr. Walter Padgett, Superintendent


Kathy Barta, Applicant

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SLD Form Review Office
ATTN: SLD Form 471 Committee
3833 Greenway Drive
Lawrence, KS 66046

Dear Sir/Madam:

EXPLANATION OF FIRST FILING OF FORM 471

The SISD employee in charge of the eRate process for the 2011-2012 filing year, for the first time, was Martha Skelton. In December of this school year, her elderly mother suffered massive trauma, which required multiple hospitalizations and attendant 24-hour care for extended periods of time. Martha is her primary caretaker.

In late February, Ms. Skelton came back to campus to officially file for extended leave with the district due to her protracted absence, and because she was not going to be able to return to the district to carry out her professional duties. This writer inherited the eRate process March 1 and filed Form 470 as soon as possible, which was March 2.

Because that late filing precluded me from meeting the March 24 Form 471 filing deadline, I was advised by Mark Kemp of ESC 13 in Austin to file a first Form 471 with this attached explanation and no Block 5 entries. Upon reaching the end of the 28-day non-filing window, I will file a completed File 471 with the proper Item 21 Attachments.

As we are a school district with virtually no local fund balance, we are in even more dire financial straits than most. Loss of eRate funding would be a very large blow to our budget.

We would be most grateful for any consideration you may be able to give in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathy S. Barta
Schulenburg ISD

Case # 22-251660



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✓ *Good One*

141796

Re: Applicant's Form Identifier: 471YR2011-2012
Form 471 Application Number: 822445

We're sending this letter to thank you for your recent Form 471 application. Your Form 471 application and/or certification was submitted online or postmarked AFTER the deadline for an application to be considered as filed within the window.

Program rules require us to hold your application pending final review of those applications that were filed within the window. We will post an announcement on the USAC website at www.usac.org/sl once we determine if funding applications that were submitted within the application filing window will fully utilize all the funds available for this Funding Year.

For more information about the processing of pending applications, about funding for applications filed after the close of the filing window or about plans for future funding years, please visit our website or call the Client Service Bureau at 1-888-203-8100.

TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

If you wish to appeal a decision indicated in this letter, your appeal must be received by USAC or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and email address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the decision letter and the decision you are appealing:
 - Appellant name, *me, school*
 - Applicant or service provider name, *me*
 - BEN, *cd*
 - Application number 822445 as assigned by USAC,
 - "Funding Year 2011 Form 471 Postmarked Outside of Window Letter,"AND
 - The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.
3. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation.

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4. If you are an applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by USAC's decision. If you are a service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant(s) affected by USAC's decision.
5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

To submit your appeal to USAC by email, email to appeals@sl.universalservice.org. USAC will automatically reply to incoming emails to confirm receipt.

To submit your appeal to us by fax, fax your appeal to (973)599-6542.

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You have the option of filing an appeal with USAC or with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received by the FCC or postmarked within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options described in the "Appeals Procedure" posted on our website. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

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